

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

There is a provided a data processing system comprising:

a processor operable in a plurality of modes and either a secure domain or a  
5 non-secure domain including:

at least one secure mode being a mode in said secure domain; and

at least one non-secure mode being a mode in said non-secure domain;

wherein

when said processor is executing a program in a secure mode said program has  
10 access to secure data which is not accessible when said processor is operating in a  
non-secure mode; and wherein

said processor is responsive to a switching request to initiate a switch  
between a secure mode and a non-secure mode under control of a mode switching  
program starting at a location specified by an exception vector associated with said  
15 switching request.

[Figure 8]